Pulling down unauthorised constructions in Cantonments

*137. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what effective steps have been taken by the Defence Estate Office under the Central Command to pull down unauthorised buildings coming up in different 'A' Class or Class I cantonments under the command;

(b) Whether it is a fact that some of the Executive Officers of such Cantonments have been negligent in invoking the provisions of Cantonments Act of 1924 to pull down such unauthorised constructions ;

(c) whether Government would take effective steps to prevent continuation of such unauthorised constructions on defence lands; and

(d) if so, the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Defence Estate Officers take appropriate action in conformity with the powers vested in them by the Cantonments Act, 1924 and the Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971.

(b) No instance of such negligence has come to Government's notice.

(c) and (d) The competent authorities will continue to act in discharge of the authority vested in them by law.

Kudankulam Atomic Power Project

*138. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTDR be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken to complete the Kudankulam Atomic Power Project;

(b) whether any foreign collaboration is being sought for this project;

(c) whether it would be completed with indigenous technology to avoid further delay; and

(d) by when this project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d) The Kudankulam Atomic Power Project was to be implemented in terms of the Inter Government Agreement (IGA) of November, 1988 signed between erstwhile USSR and India. Consequent to the developments in the erstwhile USSR, discussions have been held with the Russian Federation in January, 1993, December, 1993 and February, 1994 to explore the possibility of its implementation after making a fresh assessment of the economic and commercial aspects of the project which have changed since the signing of IGA in 1988.

The possiblity? of setting up indigenous pressurised Heavy Water Reactor units will depend on final decisions on the co-operation under the IGA of November, 1988.

इंडियन एयरलाईन्स के बेड़े से पुराने विमानों का निकाला जाना

*139. **श्री विट्ठलराव माधव राव जाधव** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के बेड़े में शामिल कितने विमान दस वर्ष से ज्यादा पुराने है ;

(ख) सरकार पुराने विमानों को बेड़े से निकालने के लिए क्या मानदंड अपनाती है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में विद्यमान मानदंडों के अनुसार इंडियन एयरलाइन्स द्वारा अपने बेड़े से कितने विमानों के निकाले जाने की संभावना है और ऐसा कब तक किया जाएगा ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के अपने प्रचालन बेड़े में 28 विमान है, जो दस वर्ष से अधिक पुराने है ।

(ख) और (ग) योजना में 15 वर्ष से अधिक पुराने विमानों को क्रमशः हटाने की परिकल्पना की गई है । 1994–2000 की अवधि के दौरान, 16–20 वर्ष पुराने विमानों को हटाया जाना है । इंडियन एयरलाइन्स 1994-95 में चार बी–737 विमानों और 1995-96 में दो बी–737 विमानों को हटाने पर विचार कर रही है ।